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Germantown Feb 2nd 1861

Dear Ma

I seat myself this evening to let you know all the news & I presume you have heard all the news by this time from Ireadwell As I expect he has told you all; I hardly know how to begin to tell you what has happened. and know that you will be quite surprised. I know Ireadwell has told about me getting married but I hardly think you believed him. but it is so. I married on the 31st of January in Germantown and I write you a few lines to ask your forgiveness. I do not wish you to think ~~that~~ I was too hasty in getting married I thought I had considered it well before doing so. and am sure I will never regret it. I am sure you never will when become

better acquainted with Emma and
think you will be proud of her. She
is very kind, and ~~one~~ of the best Girl
I ever knew, I do not know what
we shall do this year but to Board
next year I will go to Farming. I saw
Belser the other day and he says if
you wish to sell your home place
he will buy it for me. Ma Please think
of what I have said and if you
think I have done wrong. forgive me
tell sis, ^{I read will} to do the same. Write to me
Ma and let me know whether you
are displeased or not. and I promise
you hereafter I will be a better Boy
do not let any one see this. but write
to me. whatever you think best. I want
to hear from you all. If you approve
of it write if only a few lines. Emma
sends her love to you all. if you can
all visit us. we would be glad to see
you. Write soon. I wish I could see
your very obedient Baby B F Farnham